

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0517

Brief Summary of Traditional Inaugural Events

- * **Pre-Inaugural Events:** The Presidential Inaugural Committee (PIC), on behalf of the newly elected President, plans all pre-inaugural events. In the past, these events have included lectures, seminars, public entertainment, a prayer service and a presidential gala on the eve of the inauguration. Pre-inaugural events for the 2005 Presidential Inaugural will not be determined until PIC organizes after the November elections.
- * **Inaugural Activities at the U.S. Capitol:** The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies (JCCIC) plans and executes all inaugural activities at the U.S. Capitol, including the swearing-in ceremony and the traditional Inaugural Luncheon that follows. Tickets for the inaugural swearing-in ceremony will be distributed in January 2005 to Senators and Representatives of the 109th Congress. Tickets are not distributed by JCCIC to the public.
- * **Inaugural Parade:** The Presidential Inaugural Committee, assisted by the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (AFIC - www.afic.army.mil), organizes the Inaugural Parade that begins at approximately 2:00 p.m. following activities at the Capitol. The parade route extends from the Capitol to the White House (starting at the intersection of Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, and continuing down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House). Historically, the parade is open to the public with both non-ticketed and ticketed viewing areas.
- * **Inaugural Balls:** The Presidential Inaugural Committee plans the official Presidential Inaugural Balls. These events require tickets that will be available only through the PIC.

Performing at Inaugural Events

Groups interested in performing at official events, such as the parade, inaugural balls, and other special events, should submit an application package to AFIC (www.afic.army.mil). After the election, PIC makes the final selection of groups that will perform at inaugural events.

Inaugural Contact Information

**Joint Congressional Committee
on Inaugural Ceremonies**
SRC-5, Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
(202) 224-8232
<http://inaugural.senate.gov>

Presidential Inaugural Committee
(Organized mid-November ---
check JCCIC website for updates)

Armed Forces Inaugural Committee
330 C Street, SW
Mary Switzer Building
Washington, DC 20597
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Inaugural Accessibility Information
January 20, 2005

Designated seating and standing areas:

North Seating Area - Senate Side (Blue Tickets) South Seating Area - House Side (Red Tickets)
West Standing Area - Senate Side (Green Tickets) West Standing Area - House Side (Yellow Tickets)

"Drop-off" Locations: All areas around the Capitol will be restricted to vehicular access on January 20, 2005. If you need to drop-off someone, as close to the ceremony as possible, please follow the directions of the Capitol Police. There will be locations outside the perimeter of the Capitol that will be designated at a later date.

Tickets: Each person must have a ticket (including personal assistants). All guests must enter at the specific gates designated on the tickets. Please note that all entrances into the ceremony are accessible. Keep in mind that seating is not reserved.

Sign Language Interpreters/Open Captioning: Sign Language Interpreters will be located at designated positions within each ticketed section, with the exception of the Mall Standing Area. There will be jumbo-trons (large television screen) with open captioning positioned on the Capitol Plaza (blue, red, green, and yellow ticket holders) and within the Mall Standing Area.

Signs: Signs will be posted in all areas to indicate the designated accessible areas, sign language interpreter locations, and restrooms.

Staffing by the Congressional Special Services Office: Staff of the Congressional Special Services Office will be stationed at all designated accessible seating/standing areas to provide assistance.

Recorded Information Lines: Recorded Voice Information Line - (202) 228-4072*
Recorded TTY Information Line - (202) 228-4071*

* Congressional Special Services Office staff can be reached Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm at 202-224-4048 (voice) and 202-224-4049 (TTY).

General Information: Please keep in mind that it will probably be quite cold in January, on the day of the Inauguration. You may want to bring a blanket(s) with you to the ceremony. **Please note the prohibited items list below.** Any questions regarding items required for medical conditions and/or child care should be directed to the United States Capitol Police, at (202) 228-3555, for guidance prior to January 20, 2005. For updated inaugural information please refer to the 2005 Inaugural Website at <http://inaugural.senate.gov>.

Prohibited Items include, but are not limited to, firearms and ammunition (either real or simulated), explosives of any kind (including fireworks), knives-blades or sharp objects (of any length), mace, pepper spray, sticks or poles, pocket or hand tools such as "Leatherman", packages, backpacks, large bags, duffel bags, suitcases, laser pointers, signs, posters, animals (other than service animals), alcoholic beverages and any other item at the discretion of the security screeners that may pose a threat to the security of the event.